



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James E. Dahlberg, *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/740,256 Group No.: 1637
Filed: 12/18/2003 Examiner: Christopher M. Babic
Entitled: **Detection of Small Nucleic Acids**

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO
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This communication filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2006, with response due on or before August 30, 2006. A petition for two months extension of time, to October 30, 2006, is included herewith.

In accordance with the procedure for Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.